NOTICE OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) SPA 20-AC: Physician Fee Schedule Update – Rate Increase for Specified Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptive (LARC) Device

The State of Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) proposes to submit the following Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Changes to Medicaid State Plan

Effective on or after December 1, 2020, SPA 20-AC will amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan to increase the rate for Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) code J7307- Etonogestrel implant system (a code for Nexplanon, which is an implantable, long-acting reversible contraceptive [LARC] device) on the physician office and outpatient fee schedule. This code will be priced at \$981.56.

Fee schedules are published at this link: http://www.ctdssmap.com, then select "Provider", then select "Provider Fee Schedule Download", then Accept or Decline the Terms and Conditions and then select the applicable fee schedule. This SPA is necessary in order to reflect a recent increase in the acquisition cost for this LARC device and ensure continued access to this device.

Fiscal Impact

DSS estimates that this SPA will increase annual aggregate expenditures by approximately \$100 in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021 and \$200 in SFY 2022.

Obtaining SPA Language and Submitting Comments

The proposed SPA is posted on the DSS website at this link: http://portal.ct.gov/dss. Scroll down to the bottom of the webpage and click on "Publications" and then click on "Updates." Then click on "Medicaid State Plan Amendments". The proposed SPA may also be obtained at any DSS field office, at the Town of Vernon Social Services Department, or upon request from DSS (see below).

To request a copy of the SPA from DSS or to send comments about the SPA, please email: Public.Comment.DSS@ct.gov or write to: Department of Social Services, Medical Policy Unit, 55 Farmington Avenue, 9th Floor, Hartford, CT 06105 (Phone: 860-424-5067). Please reference "SPA 20-AC: Physician Fee Schedule Update – Rate Increase for Specified Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptive (LARC) Device."

Anyone may send DSS written comments about this SPA. Written comments must be received by DSS at the above contact information no later than November 25, 2020.